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SUBJECT: RESIDENCE ALARMS

REF: TEL AVIV 3390 (NOTAL)

1. TSO ATHENS HAS BEEN ALLOTTED 60 RESIDENCE ALARMS FROM FY'77 PROCUREMENT. 30 OF THESE ARE IN TRANSIT AND 30 WILL FOLLOW. REFTEL REQUEST FOR 90 ALARMS WILL OBVIOUSLY STRAIN SUPPLY SYSTEM.
2. IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT MANY FOREIGN SERVICE HOUSEHOLDERS DO NOT WISH TO HAVE A BURGLAR ALARM. IN SOME CASES THE REQUIREMENT FOR ATTENTION IN ENTERING AND LEAVING THE HOUSE, RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HOUSE DURING NIGHT TIME HOURS, AND LACK OF A SUITABLE MEANS OF RESPONSE TO AN ALARM DURING PERIOD WHEN HOUSE IS UNOCCUPIED HAVE LEAD TO DISUSE OF SYSTEMS ALREADY INSTALLED. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE RSO CANVASS THE RESIDENTS OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND GOVERNMENT LEASED PROPERTIES TO DETERMINE HOW MANY WISH TO HAVE A BURGLAR ALARM INSTALLED. THE VERY REAL DRAWBACKS OF THE SYSTEMS

SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF SYSTEMS THAT WILL BE INSTALLED AND THEN NOT USED. RESPONSE CAPABILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE EXAMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IF THE CONTRACT INSTALLATION CAPABILITY IS SUCH THAT SUPPLY OF SOME OF THE REQUIRED ALARMS CAN BE DEFERRED PERHAPS UNTIL

NEXT YEAR'S PROCUREMENT PERIOD, SUPPLY PROBLEM WILL BE EASED.

3. RESIDENCE ALARMS ARE INTENDED PRIMARILY FOR APPLICATION IN COUNTER TERRORISM SITUATIONS, I.E., PROTECTION OF LIVES RATHER THAN PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

4. SUGGEST RSO REQUISITION 10 UNITS FROM TSO ATHENS TO BE INSTALLED WHERE THREAT AND EFFECTIVENESS WOULD BE THE GREATEST PENDING DETERMINATION OF FIRM REQUIREMENTS AS ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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